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The US judicial system found Microsoft was a monopoly but the DOJ and some states have proposed a settlement that doesn't fully solve the Microsoft anti-trust/monopoly issue and prevent Microsoft from continuing to expand the company's present monopoly.

Asking Microsoft to not do it again will not work.

In the 1990s, I personnel watched Cecil Dobbs from Microsoft in Foster City California give hundreds of copies of free software packages to Lockheed Martin in Sunnyvale California that resulted in Lockheed Martins standardizing on Microsoft software and other software venders that sold Word processor, Spreadsheet, Presentation, Project Management, Calendar / Scheduling and E-mail fade away since they depended on the sale of their software to survive.

What I saw was Microsoft using the sale of the Windows Operation System software to finance free gifts to a major company to standardize on other Microsoft software.

Without separating the Window Operating System cash cow from other types of software, competition will die and Microsoft end up being the consumers only choice.

Windows XP Operating System is a good example of Microsoft's effort to eliminate competition from 5 other software packages by bundling other Microsoft software with the Windows XP Operation System for consumers and companies.

Without software choices, Microsoft will be free to set software prices and their will be little or no motivation to improve software.

Some REAL legal remedies are needed at the present time to reduce the existing Microsoft software monopoly that the courts agreed presently exist.

Please stand firm that a lot more is needed than the present DOJ settlement proposes.

Personally, I would like to see some kind of a barrier between the Windows Operating Systems and general user Microsoft software that would foster competition

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